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SUBJECT: Marine Mammal and Turtle Incidental Take Report,
May 2005

Observers in the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program (NEFOP) collect these data using standardized protocols. When the data are received, NEFSC staff verifies the identification and condition of the animals through the observer descriptions, biological samples collected and photographs. If the identification of an animal is in question, the DNA sample is analyzed to determine the species. However, the data used in this report is obtained from the observer program's OBSCON tables and is considered preliminary data as many of the database checks and audits have not yet been completed.

The following 297 observed trips were completed during the month of May 2005, not including 5 aborted trips.

Bottom Longline	16	Gillnet, Anchored Floating	1
Dredge, Hydraulic Clam	1	Pot/Trap, Fish	1
Dredge, Other Species, nk	2	Pot/Trap, Lobster, Offshore	1
Dredge, Sea Scallop	20	Purse Seine	1
Dredge, Closed Area Sea Scallop	8	Trawl, Mid-water	3
Gillnet, Anchored Sink	110	Trawl, Mid-water Paired	7
Gillnet, Drift Floating	1	Trawl, Otter, Bottom (fish)	112
Gillnet, Drift Sink	5	Trawl, Otter, Bottom (scallop)	8



For the month of May 2005, 14 incidental takes were observed. They are listed below.

GEAR/TRIP TYPE	TRIP ID	DATE LANDED	# OF TAKES	COMMON SPECIES NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	DISPOSITION
BOTF 050	B90008-	5/7/2005	1	Atl. White-sided Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus acutus</i>	Dead, fresh
ASG 100	C43003L	5/18/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	Dead, moderately decomposed
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ASG 100	C99011C	5/7/2005	1	Harbor Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	Dead, fresh
ASG 100	C99011C	5/7/2005	1	Gray Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>	Dead, severely decomposed
ASG 100	D28020-	5/29/2005	1	Gray Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>	Dead, fresh
AFG 105	D42008L	5/12/2005	1	Dolphin, nk (mammal)	<i>Delphinidae spp</i>	Dead, condition unknown
BOTF 050	D59013-	5/5/2005	1	Harbor Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	Dead, moderately decomposed
BOTF 050	D59013-	5/5/2005	1	Atl. White-sided Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus acutus</i>	Dead, fresh
BOTF 050	D59013-	5/5/2005	1	Atl. White-sided Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus acutus</i>	Dead, fresh
BOTF 050	D77012-	5/23/2005	1	Gray Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>	Dead, fresh
BOTF 050	E14002-	5/12/2005	1	Porpoise/Dolphin nk	<i>Phocoenidae/Delphinidae spp</i>	Dead, seen by capt/crew only
ASG 100	E18002C	5/17/2005	1	Atl. White-sided Dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus acutus</i>	Dead, moderately decomposed
ASG 100	E23002C	5/14/2005	1	Gray Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>	Dead, fresh

“C” signifies a complete fish data collection trip (all hauls were observed for complete catch data); “L” signifies a limited fish data collection trip (all hauls were observed for marine mammal interactions and fallouts); “-” signifies all other trips.

ASG = Anchored Sink Gillnet, BOTF = Bottom Otter Trawl (fish), AFG = Anchored Floating Gillnet

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